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JUSMAG TITLE X - ADVANCED SECURITY COOPERATION COURSE

REF: MANILA 2651

11. (SBU) The Department of State reviewed its files and found that, as of this date, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights for the individuals identified below. These individuals are candidates for a JUSMAG Title X Advanced Security Cooperation course scheduled from January 22, 2009 through March 11, 2009 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

12. (U) Candidates:

Ms Marina M. Agustin DOB: March 12, 1953 POB: Manila, Philippines

Unit: Office for Public and Legislative Affairs, Department of

National Defense

Mr. Alexander T. Gonzales

DOB: May 26, 1952 POB: Cavity City, Philippines

Unit: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition,

Department of National Defense

LTC Helen E. Nava DOB: August 6, 1960

POB: Pasig City, Philippines Unit: Office of the Undersecretary for Philippine Defense Reform,

Department of National Defense

CAPT Philip L. Cacayan DOB: May 24, 1958

POB: La Union, Philippines

Unit: Headquarters, Philippine Navy

- 13. (U) Post may provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified in paragraph 2 above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.
- 14. (U) If, in the future, post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, post should inform the Department and not proceed with training.
- 15. (U) POC for this action is Jameson DeBose:

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